

MACo Districts 6 and 7
August 16th, 2006 - Billings
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Carl Seilstad (chairman District 6)

Members Present

Leslie Burrroughs-Golden Valley County

Mike Kilby, Robert Goffena and Larry Lekse-Musselshell County

Jerome Kolar-Judith Basin County

Ken Ronish, Carl Seilstad-Fergus County

Dennis Hoyem, Maureen Davey and Chuck Egan-Stillwater County

Phillp Hathaway, Elaine Allestad and Lloyd Berg-Sweet Grass County

Jim Reno, Bill Kennedy, John Ostlund and Charles Brooks-Yellowstone
County

Albert Brown-Carbon County

Harold Blattie, Sheryl Wood and Ray Barnicoat-MACO Staff

Doug Kaercher- MACO President, Hill County

Martha Anderson and Meggin Stewart- Senator Burns staff

Dave Kelzy-Yellowstone Valley Electric

The Yellowstone County Commissioners were thanked for hosting the meeting at the fairgrounds.

John Ostlund introduced Dave Kelzy from Yellowstone Valley Electric who gave a short presentation on a proposed Coal fired Power Plant.

** John Ostlund was nominated by Albert Brown for 2nd VP. Nomination was seconded and vote passed.

** Two Resolutions were brought forth from the floor. A Resolution for Compensation on Livestock loss from predators was introduced by Sweet Grass County and a resolution dealing with Veterans Cemeteries was brought forth by Yellowstone County. Both resolutions were acted on and passed.

Harold Blattie updated the members on a number of Legislative issues and resolutions which include:

Bridge Access

Pilt

Fire
Education and Local Gov't
Special purpose Districts
Business Tax
The proposed Initiatives
Staff issues

Ray Barnicoat gave an update on Jail Standards and Policies. They will be going around this fall going over these issues with Law enforcement and Commissioners.

Dennis Hoyem gave a presentation on the importance of the NACO News letter and brought forth a couple of items regarding Meth and tax issues.

Robert Goffena raised questions about the state reimbursement for fires. Discussion was held on the emergency 2-mill levy the Counties can impose and the relation to FEMA.

Maureen Davey reported on the Paint the State Celebration she attended at the State Capitol.

Doug Kaercher and Bill Kennedy talked about the NACO prescription drug cards, NACO's President and her platform. Doug is also asking for input on what has MACO done right for your County and where have they failed.

Sheryl Wood gave an update on the Sponsorship program, how we need more vendors, exhibitors to offset the costs of our functions. Work on marketing.

Bill Kennedy asked the group if they supported the State picking up the tab on the 72-hour presumptive eligibility costs and the counties would pick up the next 72 hours, which would limit the amount of time on evaluations to 6 days. This would make it more consistent from county to county rather than some instances where it takes weeks to get an evaluation done.

Submitted by Carl Seilstad